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SUBJECT: UNITA'S REQUEST FOR RADIO TRANSMITTER

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1. IN CONVERSATION AT RESIDENCE JAN 24, FONMIN BANDA RECALLED MEETING HE AND CHONA HAD WITH SECRETARY AT TIME OF CIEC; THEN ASKED WHY USG HAD NOT FOLLOWED UP ON ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE POWERFUL RADIO TRANSMITTER TO SAVIMBI'S UNITA FOR PROPAGANDA WARFARE PURPOSES AGAINST CUBAN TROOPS AND TO WIN SUPPORT OF ANGOLAN POPULACE. BANDA QUITE BLUNT IN SAYING IT ONE THING FOR AMERICAN SENATE TO VOTE AGAINST COVERT MILITARY ASSISTANCE BUT QUITE ANOTHER FOR ADMINISTRATION TO GO BACK ON A PROMISE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR TRANSMITTER AND THEN NOT DELIVER. BANDA CONTENDED THIS SLIPPAGE WAS BAD FOR USG CREDIBILITY AMONG AFRICAN FRIENDS, MANY OF WHOM BEGINNING TO HAVE DOUBTS US HAS WILL TO STAND CHALLENGE IN ANGOLA.

2. I SAID I WAS AWARE OF ZAMBIAN'S SUPPORT FOR SAVIMBI'S REQUEST (REFTEL) AND I WOULD INQUIRE OF WASHINGTON AS TO STATUS OF PROJECT.

3. THIS IS THIRD ZAMBIAN REQUEST FOR RADIO TRANSMITTER FOR UNITA FORCES USE IN ANGOLA. REQUEST DEPT'S ADVICE

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ON WHAT I CAN TELL BANDA AND/OR CHONA IN REPLY TO THIS

THIRD REQUEST SO AS TO OVERCOME IMPRESSION WE HAVE
FORGOTTEN PROPAGANDA WARFARE NEED.
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